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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, WE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FRENCH DEL VARNOUX. HE CONFIRMED TRANSACTION AND SAID FRENCH CONSIDERED IT A " TEMPORARY EXPORT" IN COCOM TERMS. IN VIEW OF US ATTITUDE TO PARALLEL GERMAN CASE (DOC (73) 424), BOTH ENRICHED FUEL AND TAILS WOULD BE RETURNED TO FRANCE ALTHOUGH ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT WAS TO LEAVE TAILS IN USSR. HE REPEATED GOF VIEW, EXPRESSED DURING RECENT PROCEDURAL DEBATE IN COMMITTEE (OF. PARA 9, DOC PROC (73) 15), THAT CUSTOMS PROCESSING PROCEDURE APPLIED ONLY TO LIST I COMODITIES. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, VARNOUX SAW NO REASON TO RAISE MATTER IN COCOM SINCE, HE SAID TEMPORARY EXPORTS CAN BE AUTHORIZED AT NATIONAL OPTION.

2. REMINDED OF HIS COMMENT AT MARCH 20 MEETING ON GERMAN CASE (PARA 3, DOC (73) 514), VARNOUX SAID FRENCH NOW HAD NO INTENTION OF SUBMITTING GENERAL MEMORANDUM ON CUSTOMS PROCESSING PROCEDURE.

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